ment regret that they cannot make that document public at present.

(2) No.

(3) Vide replies to sub-divisions 1 and 3 of question No. 301.

(4) Yes, on delayed payments.

(5) 5% per annum.

(6) Yes.

(7) To make good the transport charges on the deficit quantity in the proportion of 5 of Teak and Rosewood to 3 of Junglewood.

(8) The matter is under consideration.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—(1) May I know what are those points?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—I regret I cannot say anything more.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Those points could not be disclosed?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—No.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is any preference given to the Trust for the transport of timber?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—No.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—This is only a contract between a private party and the Government. What is the confidential nature of the document?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—Some of the points of the agreement are only under discussion and therefore it is confidential.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—You have already entered into an agreement with the party. I cannot understand how it is confidential then.

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—Until the points under discussion are finally settled it will not be possible to disclose the facts.

359. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. whether any fresh agreement has been executed by the Anamalais Timber Trust for their current year's transport of timber;

2. if so, when; and

3 what are the conditions?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—1. Yes.

2. In April 1933.

3. Government regret that it is not feasible to publish the document at present.

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Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—(3) May I know why?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—The reason is given in answer to question No. 358. There are some points under discussion and therefore it is not possible to disclose the facts.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is an agreement with a private party confidential?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It depends on the circumstances. I cannot say off-hand whether a particular document is a public document or not.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—What about this particular document?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is at present confidential.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—The publication of the agreement sometimes affects adversely the interests of the contractors. Is it not so?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It might sometimes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—If it should be produced in a Civil Court, will it not be made public?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know as a matter of fact whether any fresh agreement is going to be entered into?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Supply of Koramaradu to the Anamalais Timber Trust.

360. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Government supplied Koramaradu logs to the Anamalais Timber Trust;

2. if so, at what rate; and
3. on what conditions;
4. and the quantity contracted for;
5. the quantity taken charge of till date;
6. and the value due on these;
7. and the value realised?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—Yes.

2. At Re. 1 per c. ft.
3. On payment of dues within 3 months from the date of bills.
4. A maximum quantity of 12,000 c. ft.
5. 8,12962 c. ft.
6. Rs. 8,129—10—0
7. The value has not yet been remitted.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—(7) Are permits issued for the transport of timber before the value has been fully remitted?

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